



CITY OF NORFOLK
Office of the Mayor

Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Ph.D.
Mayor

TO ALL ATTENDING THE
37TH CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN MERCHANT MARINE VETERANS
NORFOLK WATERSIDE MARRIOTT HOTEL
APRIL 2 - 6, 2025

Greetings!

As Mayor of the City of Norfolk, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to all those attending the American Merchant Marine Veterans 37th Convention. Norfolk is proud of its maritime heritage, and we are honored to serve as this year's host city and join you in recognizing the Greatest Generation of U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans.

Since 1984, the American Merchant Marine Veterans organization has passionately worked to ensure U.S. Merchant Marines are properly recognized and receive benefits for their service, most notably those who served during World War II where they played a critical role in transporting vital supplies, troops, and equipment across oceans to allied forces. The American Merchant Marine Veterans organization has unified, empowered and highlighted the brave service and history of U.S. Merchant Marines, and we join you in celebrating their tenacity, patriotism, and commitment to service.

Best wishes for an enjoyable and successful convention as you come together to recognize and honor the many contributions of the men and women who serve to secure our freedoms, national security, and economic prosperity.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Ph.D.
Mayor